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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES-ROLAND

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2740

1. INS OFFICER DON YOUNG AND EMBASS VICE CONSUL DOUGLAS RASMUSSEN HAVE RETURNED FROM TRENGGANU. THEY REPORT THAT ALL REFUGEES ARE ASHORE FROM ROLAND AND THAT ROLAND WAS PREPARING TO GO TO SINGAPORE WHEN LAST SEEN ON MONDAY, MAY 2. THERE ARE NOW 440 REFUGEES ASHORE IN TRENGGANU, 200 OF WHOM YOUNG HAS APPROVED FOR THE CE PROGRAM. WE WILL MAKE FULL REPORT OF REFUGEE SITUATION ON EAST COAST OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA IN SEPTEL.

2. POST IS NOW UP AGAINST HARD FACTS OF STAGGERING PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS IF WE ARE TO ACTUALLY MOVE REFUGEES. WE HAVE DISCUSSED REQUIRED NEXT STEPS WITH YOUNG. IT IS CLEAR THAT WE CANNOT FULFILL DOCUMENTARY
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REQUIREMENTS, ANSWER CORRESPONDENCE, KEEP USABLE FILES, ORGANIZE TRANSPORTATION, ETC. WITHOUT HELP. WE NEED IMMEDIATELY A FULL TIME CONSULAR OFFICER TO ASSIST FOR AT LEAST NEXT SIX MONTHS.

3. TO NREVIEW OUR PERSONNEL SITUATION, WITH STUDENT VISA RUSH JUST BEGINNING, WE HAVE ONE FULL TIME CONSULAR

OFFICER, WHO IS BEING REPLACED IN JULY. HE IS BEING ASSISTED BY JUNIOR OFFICER (RASMUSSEN) ASSIGNED TO HIS SECTION ON ROTATION FOR SIX MONTHS. EVEN WITHOUT REFUGEES, THESE OFFICERS HAVE FULL TIME JOB. WITHIN FEW WEEKS POLITICAL SECTION WILL BE REDUCED FROM THREE TO TWO OFFICERS, ONE OF WHOM IS NOW DEVOTING OVER HALF HIS TIME TO REFUGEES. ONE OFFICER HAS BEEN PULLED OUT OF BUSY THREE MAN ECON SECTION TO ASSIST, WE HOPE ON SHORT TERM BASIS, BUT ECON WILL SHORTLY BE REDUCED TO TWO STATE OFFICERS. WE ARE LOSING AMBASSADOR, DCM AND ECON COUNSELOR BY JUNE 9. IN SHORT, WE ARE REPROGRAMMING PEOPLE FROM OTHER SECTIONS, BUT WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF PEOPLE.

4. WE KNOW OF 1308 REFUGEES SPREAD OUT OVER 1500 MILES OF COASTLINE (EAST COAST PENINSULAR MALAYSIA AND NORTH COAST OF BORNEO), MOST OF WHOM HAVE BEEN SCREENED. THERE ARE REPORTS OF 400 TO 600 MORE JUST ARRIVED IN JOHORE WHO ARE UNSCREENED, AND REFUGEES CONTINUE TO ARRIVE EVERYWHERE. (GOM SPOKESMAN USING FIGURE OF 1500 FOR ALL OF MALAYSIA.) EVEN IN LOCATIONS WHERE WE ARE SCREENED, UNSCREENED PEOPLE POP UP-E.G., "I WAS IN THE LATRINE WHEN YOUR MAN WAS HERE." OUR IMMEDIATE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS NOT SCREENING NEW ARRIVALS, BUT TEDIOUS JOB OF PROCESSING THOSE WE HAVE SCREENED.

5. YOUNG, WHO IS JUSTIFIABLY CONCERNED, SAYS THAT WITHOUT ONE MORE FULL TIME OFFICER HERE THERE IS DANGER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT MANY CE NUMBERS WILL BE UNUSED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: ASSIGN ONE TDY CONSULAR OFFICER TO KUALA LUMPUR FOR PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, OR AUGMENT STRENGTH OF CONSULAR SECTION IMMEDIATELY AS REQUESTED IN CONSULAR PACKAGE. OFFICER MUST BE HERE WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS.
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